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I am not an attorney nor do I use Intel-based computers. I am an experienced computer user who favors Apple-based machines. I am forced, as well, to use computers based on Microsoft operation systems.

I believe the settlement proposed is an unfair resolution to the findings that show the damage that Microsoft has done over the years in establishing themselves using monopolistic business practices.

As a result of their tactics 'standards' (common procedures) have been developed that limit users, in a practical sense, in the choice of computer solutions available. Frequently these procedures have be derivations of concepts developed elsewhere (yes, often at Apple, but at Netscape, Sun and in numerous small ventures).

I believe that, because of the findings of fact, Microsoft should be required to place their operating system in the public domain and then be allowed to compete in making improvements and applications and services if they so choose.

The price of monopolistic behavior should be the loss of proprietary ownership.

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